

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of verifying the authenticity of a signature on a collectible
2 object comprising the following steps:
 - 3 a. connecting an originating computer via an online
4 communication system to a central computer,
 - 5 b. providing information from the originating computer to the
6 central computer about the user and the signer and selecting
7 the type of collectible surface on which the suspected
8 signature is inscribed,
 - 9 c. scanning the suspected signature at the originating
10 computer and transmitting the scanned image to the central
11 computer,
 - 12 d. comparing the scanned image of the suspected signature
13 with a selected set of stored signatures at the central
14 computer to determine whether the suspected signature is
15 authentic or not authentic, and
 - 16 e. communicating to the originating computer whether the
17 signature is authentic or not authentic.

1 2. A method of verifying the authenticity of a signature on a collectible
2 object according to Claim 1 further comprising the following steps
3 for those signatures that are determined to be authentic:

4 f. printing a certificate of authenticity bearing a serialized
5 hologram and printing a second identical hologram for those
6 signatures that are authentic, and
7 g. attaching the second hologram to the collectible.

1 3. A method of verifying the authenticity of a signature on a collectible
2 object comprising the following steps:

3 a. scanning a suspected signature that is inscribed on a
4 collectible with a scanner and transferring the scanned
5 image into an originating computer,
6 b. connecting the originating computer via an online
7 communication system to a central computer,
8 c. providing information from the originating computer to the
9 central computer about the user and the signer and selecting
10 the type of collectible surface on which the suspected
11 signature is inscribed,

4. A method of verifying the authenticity of a suspected signature on a collectible object according to Claim 3 further comprising the following steps for those suspected signatures that are determined to be authentic:
 - g. printing a certificate of authenticity bearing a serialized hologram and printing a second identical hologram for those suspected signatures that are authentic, and
 - h. attaching the second hologram to the collectible.